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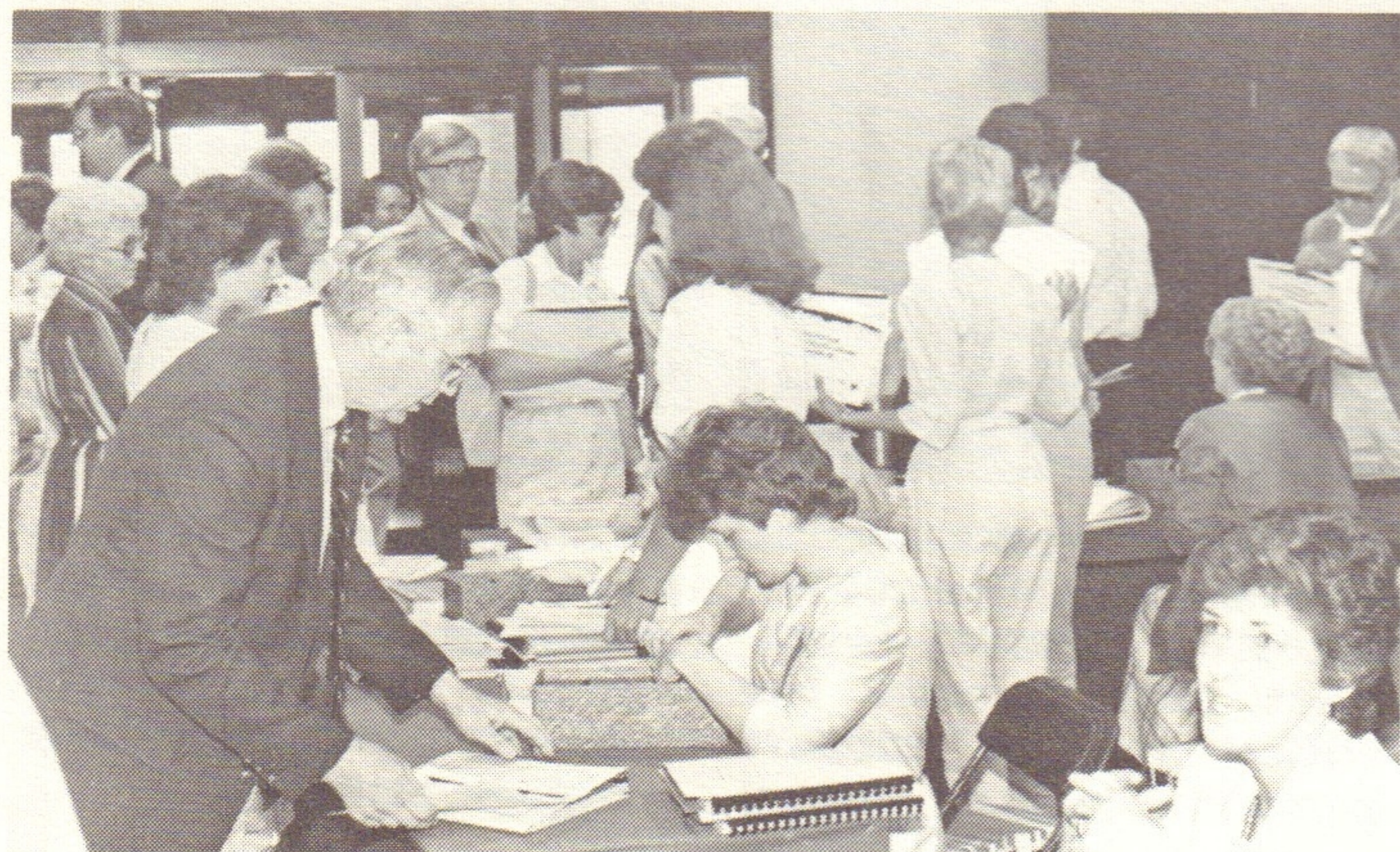
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HISTORIC CONFERENCE EMPHASIZES 51 WORKSHOPS

Alabama's two-year colleges' commitment to building Alabama's future came to life April 10-12, 1985 when the first system-wide professional development conference was held in Birmingham. Professional growth, an essential part of educational excellence and the primary reason for the conference, was met through 51 substantive six-hour professional development workshops that touched every aspect of the two-year college system.

This conference was the highlight of the first year a comprehensive effort in professional development has been in existence. This, the first year that the Alabama Legislature has earmarked funds for professional development, also marks the twentieth anniversary of a governor's dream - the birth of the Alabama state community, junior and technical colleges.

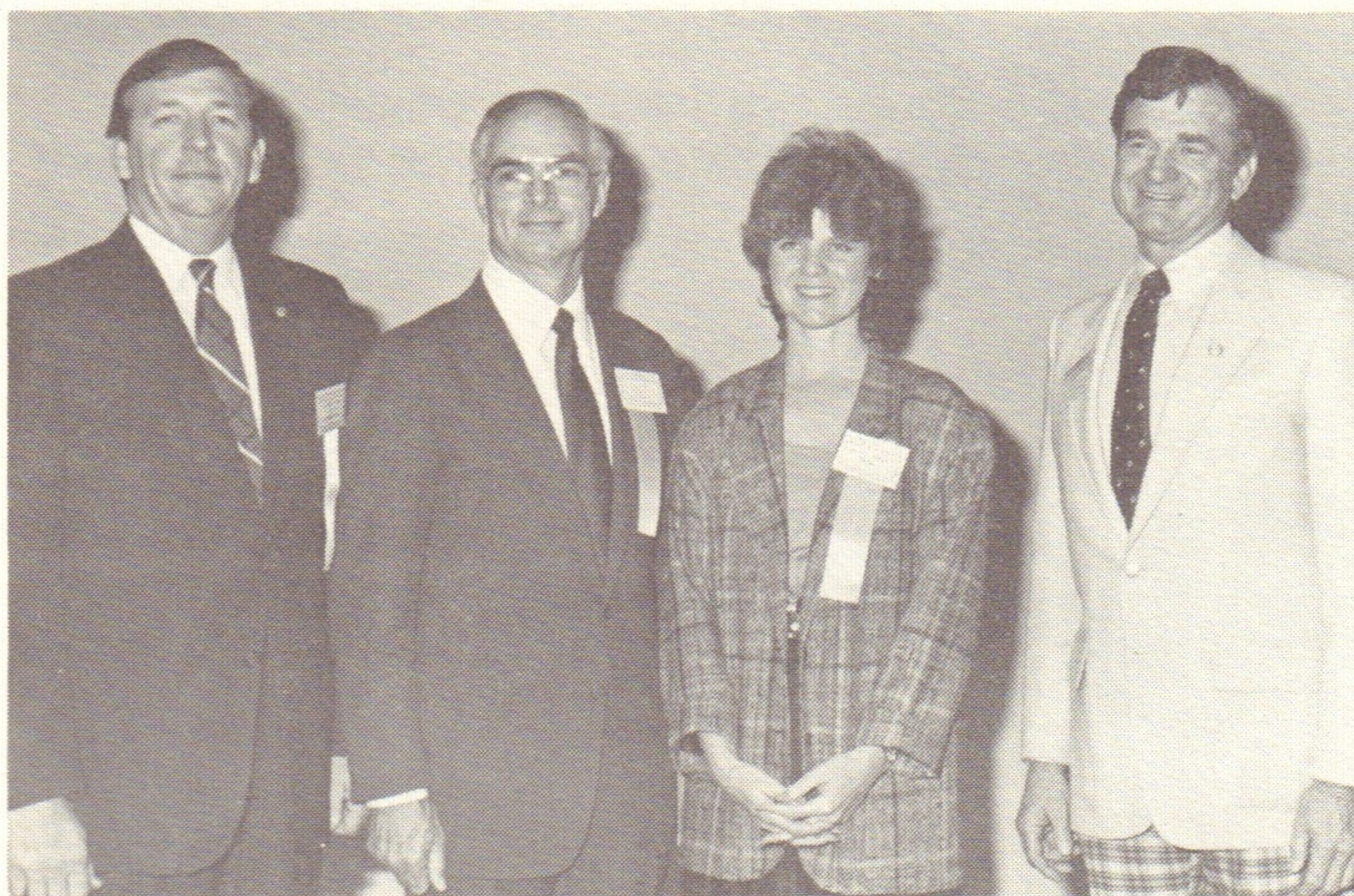


April Conference Registration

The General Session of the April Professional Development Conference was opened with musical entertainment from Faulkner State Junior College. Mayor Richard Arrington welcomed the participants to Birmingham and Mr. Jamie "Red" Etheridge, Director of the Alabama Development Office, represented the Governor's office.

Dr. Charles Payne, Chancellor, addressed the assembly on the two-year system's commitment to educational excellence and the prosperous future for Alabama. Dr. Payne pointed out, "The state's community, junior and technical colleges are playing a vital role in providing quality education and training for the citizens of Alabama and in becoming a catalyst for economic redevelopment."

He concluded by saying, "We are looking 20 years into the future. With a foundation of 20 years of growth and maturity, we are more than prepared to assume leadership in building Alabama's future."



Left to Right: Opening session presenters included Dr. Charles L. Payne, Keynote speaker; Carl F. Bailey, president, South Central Bell; Dr. Alice Villadsen, AJCCA president; and Jamie Etheridge, director, Alabama Development Office.

Mr. Bobby Westbrook, President of the Deans of Students Association, introduced the nominees from the two-year system who best represented their schools for the outstanding student. These students were chosen on their leadership qualities, academic ability, contributions to their community and to their school, and a personal interview.

The list of nominees was very impressive and the two-year system can be proud of this group of adults.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Carl F. Bailey, President and Chief Executive Officer of South Central Bell Telephone Company, presented an informative and inspiring address in which he pointed out that, "Building Alabama's future is important to all of us, regardless of our role in society. Alabama's future will best be served if students receive broad educational opportunities and are encouraged to help in setting high academic and social standards."

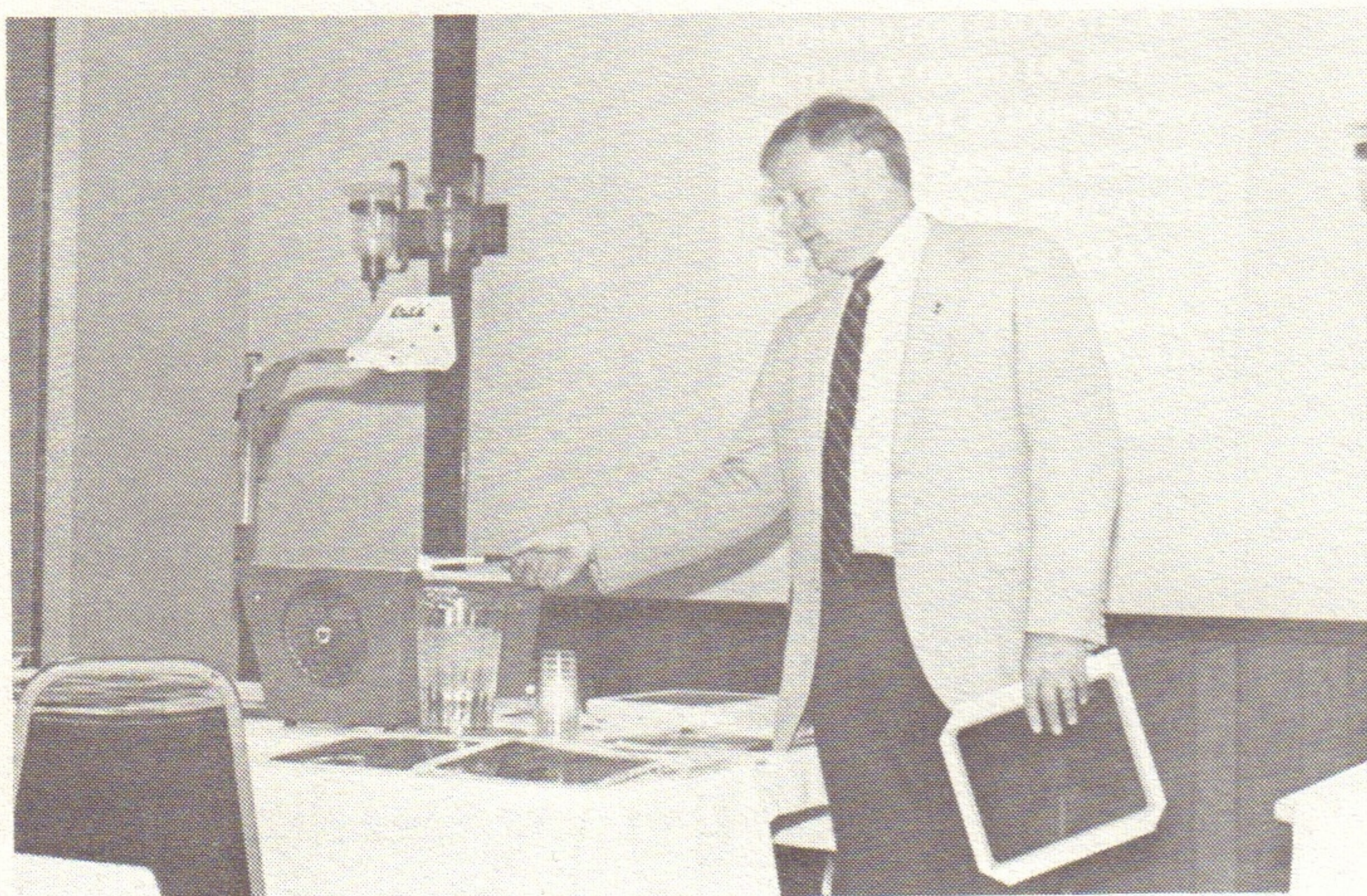
He continued, "Mediocrity, or being average, will not help us build a great Alabama or a great United States... we need people who can think and solve problems. Teacher's demands

on students should be challenging. Setting high standards in the classroom is one way to rise above mediocrity."

Mr. Bailey praised Chancellor Payne for his leadership and the commitment of the colleges in developing a blueprint for a strong and diverse two-year college system for the citizens of Alabama.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's session, there was a reception at the Hyatt Hotel in celebration of the twentieth anniversary. It was a time for intermingling with friends and peers; providing opportunities to share with others on projects and professional development from the individual institutions.

The Thursday session, which was the heart of the conference, covered 51 substantive six-hour professional development workshops that touched every aspect of the two-year college system. These sessions were conducted by leaders in education, business and industry and many other areas of interest to the various individual groups.



Dr. Lee Noel, president, SRI College Productivity Center, lead the admission officers workshop.

The presenters for the sessions included professors, computer experts, financial aid authorities, authors, art critics, hair stylists, automobile experts, financial consultants, curriculum developers, school superintendents, psychologists, security personnel and many others who provided expertise in their profession. Many of the sessions included hands-on experiences and provided new information on current developments in the various fields.

Friday morning was the conclusion of the three-day workshop with emphasis on the four commissions: administration, students, faculty, and support personnel. The outstanding speakers included Dr. Earnest Leach from Triton College in River Grove, Illinois; Dr. Nolan Ellison, President, Cuyohoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio; Roy W. Gilbert, SouthTrust Bank, Birmingham; and Dr. Byron McClenney, Chancellor Alabama Community College District, San Antonio, Texas. The four topics covered were "The Challenge of Change and the Emerging of Tech Demands," "Planning: Not to Decide is to Decide", "The Meaning of Support Personnel," and "Student Development and College Services: A Consumer Perspective".



Dr. Ernest Leach, vice president for academic affairs, Triton Community College, ILL. emphasized student needs and perspectives.



Dr. Nolan Ellison, chancellor, Cuyohoga Community College District, Cleveland, Ohio, spoke to faculty about the impacts of technical change.



Roy W. Gilbert, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, SouthTrust Bank, stressed the critical role of support personnel in instructional success.



Dr. Byron McClenney, chancellor, Alabama Community College District, San Antonio, Texas, challenged administrators to initiate strategic planning.

It has been said, that "The great dividing line between success and failure can be expressed in five little words, 'Yes, I have the time' "

The April Conference did not come together by accident; it was created, nurtured and developed through the dedication, determination, hard work and organization of many individuals throughout the system.

The presidents of each institution played a major part in the success of the conference by allowing their faculty and staff to assist in the planning of the conference and to participate.

The chairpersons attended organizational meetings, secured presenters, presiders, recorders and with their committee developed a program which could be classified as successful for their specific area of professional development.

The institutions around the Birmingham area provided manpower and physical facilities which served as a vital part to the conference's success.

Last but not least, are those individuals who served as hostesses, who secured reservations, who designed, developed, assembled, and delivered programs, those who registered participants, secured extension cords and did all the little things behind the scenes; whatever task no matter how minute, this is what made success.

Success can be measured in many ways. How one viewed the conference - no matter which part one played - success is knowing you took the time.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONORED AT CONFERENCE

Twenty-eight, two-year college students were chosen by faculty committees to represent their institution as a nominee for the "Most Outstanding Student" competition held at the Professional Development April Conference. This contest is annually sponsored by the Alabama Deans of Students Association, with support from the Alabama Junior and Community College Association. Judging is based on academics, leadership qualities in the colleges and in the community, and an interview by the judges. There was a division for junior and community colleges and a division for technical colleges.



Dr. Alice Villadsen and Dr. Charles L. Payne congratulate Minnie Cotton Stovall, Snead State Junior College, who was selected Most Outstanding Academic Student.

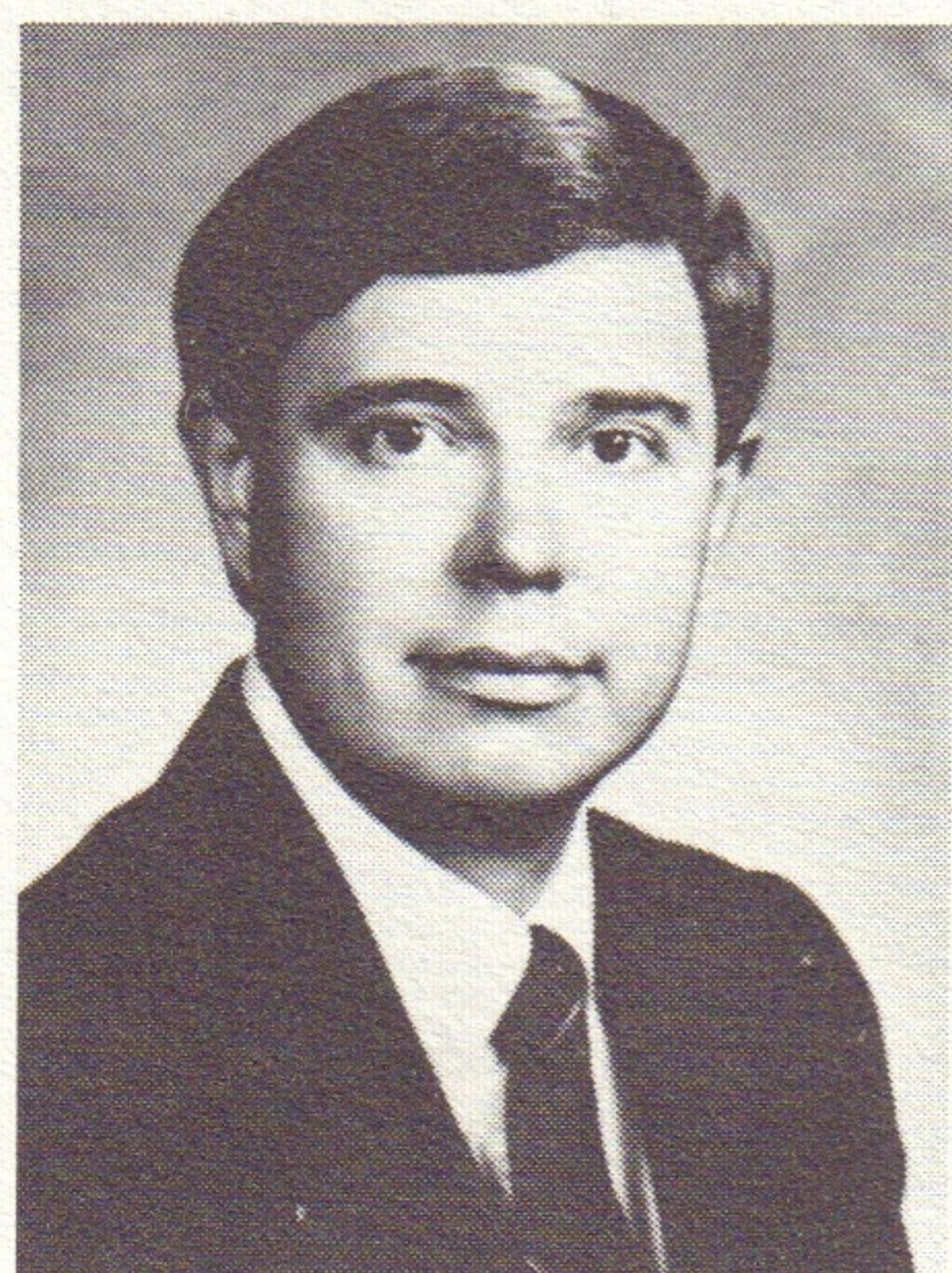
The technical college 1st place winner was Terry Wayne McClure, J. F. Drake Technical College; followed by Richard Allen Bearden, Patterson Technical College; and third Michael Landon Brown, Bessemer Technical College.

Winners in the community and junior college division were Minnie Stovall, Snead State Junior College, 1st place; Kenneth Burnham, Jefferson Davis State, 2nd place; and Richard Banning, Faulkner State, 3rd place.

All participants should be commended for their educational contribution to Alabama's society.



Dr. Alice Villadsen and Dr. Charles L. Payne present the Most Outstanding Technical Student award to Terry Wayne McClure of Drake State Technical College.



Mark Reynolds

Dr. Mark Reynolds, chairman of the Division of Language and Fine Arts at Jefferson Davis State Junior College, has been elected chair of the Regional Executive Committee (REC) of the Southeastern Conference on English in Two-Year Colleges. Reynolds has been a member of the conference since 1972. He is a former REC officer and has served as head of the committee for the SCETC-Cowan Award, which is presented to the outstanding college English teacher in the Southeast.

COLLEGE BOWL CHAMPIONS RECOGNIZED

The Alabama Community, Junior and Technical College Bowl Champions were recognized at the April Professional Development Conference on Friday. The Championship Competition was held on March 28 at Athens State College, State College Bowl coordinator, and the winner was the Jefferson State College Bowl Team. The team completed the competition with a perfect 7-0 record.

Team members include Tim Parrish (tournament highest individual points), Elaine Sartain, Brenda Nix, and Wayne Davenport. Faculty sponsor was Pat Armstrong.



Dr. Larry McCoy (standing); Dr. James Chasteen, president, Athens State College (left); and Dr. Charles L. Payne presented the College Bowl League championship trophy to Jefferson State team members. (Left to Right): Tim Parrish, Elaine Sartain, Brenda Nix, Wayne Davenport.

CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

They came brandishing their wares--software, hardware, and all sorts of inbetween ware. There were materials, products, equipment and supplies from A to Z, or so it seemed. And when it was spread out for all to see, it was a grand sight to behold, this latest of the latest community, junior and technical college trade show.

The first-ever spring trade show, sponsored by the Alabama Vocational Association, was held in conjunction with the April 10-12 Professional Development Conference in Birmingham. Over 50 vendors exhibited their wares in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center South Exhibit Hall on Wednesday, April 10, and Thursday, April 11.

The show was coordinated by Becky Culp, Executive Director, Alabama Vocational Association; Dr. Tom Terry, Associate Director of Technical Education, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education; Carol Canfield, Dean, Wallace State Community College, Selma; and Tom Pompey, Commercial Foods Instructor, Lawson State Community College.

Vendors who exhibited at the Conference were:

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Alabama Education Association
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Vocational Research Institute

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE PERSONNEL ON MOVE

Academic Chairpersons: Leadership and Management Conference held in Orlando, Florida on February 6-8 was attended by Siddie Mae Norman, Alexander City State Junior College. This three day program dealt with some timely information such as: Techniques of management of personnel, fund raising, evaluation, faculty morale, merit pay, sexual harassment, recruiting and retaining students, grantsmanship, politics in education, stress and burnout, planning, and others.

Ken Yates, Alexander City State Junior College, attended a music and choral workshop in Columbus, Georgia on February 22 and 23. One of the highlights of the workshop was the discussion of problems that arise in choral programs and the input of the participants on the "do's and don'ts" in this field. This workshop would be beneficial to music students, choral groups, and music laboratory students.

Bookstore Managers would be interested in the conference attended by Colleen Davis. Ms. Davis, Alexander City Junior College, traveled to San Antonio, Texas to attend the National College Stores Association Conference on April 8-12. The NACS Trade Fair informs the managers of the new products available. Although state institutions could not buy at the fair due to the purchasing system, they could take advantage of many of the buys that are offered on an extended time frame.

Tom Umphrey attended the Renewal Education and ASEP College Meeting in Dalton, Georgia on February 28 - March 1, 1985. The presentation was outstanding and included information on financial assistance, curriculum, and testing. Gary G. Klindt, GM Training Center, Atlanta, and Ross E. Clegg, Regional College Coordinator covered Phase II in certifying college instructors to teach GM dealer technicians in basic fuel and transmission courses.

Dr. M. E. Marcinowski, Alexander City State Junior College served on the Wayne Community College Southern Association Evaluation Team for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

John Haymon from Wallace Community College in Dothan, attended the Computer Science Conference in New Orleans on March 13-15. The information received from this conference would greatly benefit those individuals who are planning the computer science sequences and those involved in academic computer science education.

Those who teach composition would be interested in the Conference on College Composition and Communication attended by Brenda Crowe from Gadsden State Community College. The theme was "Making Connections" - connections between speech and writing, composition courses, and other disciplinary approaches. The convention covered topics such as evaluating writing, making good assignments, teaching the composing process and many others.

Edith Blankenship, Alexander City State Junior College, participated in the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-year College held in Greenville, S.C. in February. The

conference included lectures on learning styles, papers on teaching techniques using computers humanities and teaching composition, placement tests, and other information that would be beneficial to English teachers.

Alexander City Junior College students and Dr. Ron Prochaska traveled to Berry College in Georgia to participate in the National Individual Events Forensics Tournament in January. This was a speech tournament and Dr. Prochaska would like to know why only three of Alabama's two-year institutions (Alex City, Calhoun, and Jefferson State) consistently participate in forensics?

Dr. Carl D. Witty of Athens has been named academic dean at ASC. Witty's appointment concludes a seven month nationwide search that included more than 25 applicants.

The National Association for Developmental Education met in St. Louis on March 6-10. Mary McLaughlin from Alex City attended the four day conference which delineated the difference between remedial and developmental education. As high school graduation requirements get higher, the student must become a critical thinker and must learn how to study. As educators one must know how this cognitive development takes place and how to stimulate the process.

Sandra Hamby, also from Alex City, attended the SASFAA Conference in Greensboro, N.C. Speakers included the honorable Selvo Conte and the honorable George O'Brien, U.S. House of Representatives. Both discussed current issues and the future of student financial assistance.

Bessemer State Technical College instructor, Andrew Knight, attended an Amana Refrigeration Manufacturing Workshop in Fayetteville, TN on February 20. Instruction was given on different assembling procedures from heat pumps to water heaters. This class would be beneficial to all HVAC instructors and students in ACR programs.

The IBM Educational Center in Atlanta, GA was the site for the IBM-PC and IBM-XT Hardware Maintenance and Repair course attended by Charles McInnis of Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

The course consisted of an overview of the IBM-PC and IBM-XT hardware, the expansion components for the two computers, and diagnostic and maintenance procedure. Instructors who utilize the IBM-XT or PC in their courses or labs, teach hardware aspects of computing or who teach computer repair and maintenance would benefit most from the course material.

Jo Fuller, Physical Education Department of Athens State College presented a paper entitled Physical Education/Plan for Excellence to the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at its spring meeting in March. Miss Fuller has been elected to the Board of Directors for the College Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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